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APRIL 25 SUSPICIOUS DEATH RULED A MURDER; SUSPECT SOUGHT

(San Diego) The April 25, 2009 death of a male inside his Core-Columbia apartment has been ruled a murder, and detectives hope for the public's assistance in locating the suspect.

On Saturday, April 25, at about noon, officers were called to 727 'E' Street on a report of death. Several things about the scene seemed suspicious, and on that basis, a Homicide team was called out to investigate further. The investigation, and subsequent autopsy, revealed that 82-year-old Ralph Barrera was entertaining friends in his apartment when 25-year-old Gilbert Egurrola killed him. (The cause and manner of Barrera's death will not be revealed at this time). Egurrola and his girlfriend, 32-year-old Yolanda Diaz, left the apartment, and they have not been seen since.

Egurrola and Diaz are known to frequent the downtown area, but they may have fled to Mexico.

Egurrola is 5'7", 180-200 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. Diaz is 5', 110 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes, and she walks with a limp. Anyone with information about Egurrola or Diaz' whereabouts is encouraged to call police immediately.

Egurrola should be considered armed and dangerous.



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